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Raising the status of the Victoria College, Palghat.

370 *Q.*—Mr. K. PRABHAKARAN TAMPAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any idea of raising forthwith the Victoria College at Palghat to the first grade or of locating a first-grade college in any other place in Malabar; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Government propose to appoint a committee to advise them as to the best place in the district for a first-grade college; if so, when the committee will be appointed?

A.—(*a*) The hon. Member's attention is drawn to the answer to question No. 70.

(*b*) The Government have at present no idea of appointing a committee.

The Brennen College, Tellicherry.

371 *Q.*—Mr. K. PRABHAKARAN TAMPAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have sanctioned a new block of buildings for the Brennen College at Tellicherry; if so, when the scheme was sanctioned;

(*b*) whether the site for the new buildings has already been acquired, if so, at what cost;

(*c*) what the estimated cost of the scheme is, and how much has already been spent; and

(*d*) when he expects the new buildings to be ready for occupation?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) No. The matter has been deferred for the present.

(*c*) & (*d*) The question does not arise.

Provident Scheme for teachers in non-pensionable service.

372 *Q.*—Rao Sahib U. RAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether the general opinion of the teachers in non-pensionable service in aided schools throughout the Presidency has been elicited before formulating the Provident Scheme embodied in G.O. No. 140, dated the 22nd January 1923?

A.—Yes, the opinions of representative bodies and associations of teachers in the Presidency were taken.

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Local option to local bodies.

373 *Q.*—Khan Bahadur HAJI ABD-UL-LAH HAJI QASIM SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether it has been decided to give local option to local bodies in the matter of locating liquor and ganja shops; and if so, from what date?

A.—No decision has yet been arrived at in the matter.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"May I know when the hon. the Minister for Education expects to be in a position to come to a decision on this matter, approximately?"